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Wildfires roar across Southern California

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LOS ANGELES
The powerful Santa Ana winds that fueled a five-day fire siege across Southern California this week began to ease Friday, but the destructive toll of the blazes continued to grow and firefighters will remain on high alert through the weekend.
The fires, which stretched from Ojai to Oceanside, de-

stroyed more than 500 structures and forced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes. The smoke created air quality problems that officials said reached unprecedented levels in some areas.
As hot, dry Santa Anas faded, officials warned that breezes from the ocean could pick up, changing the direction of the flames, placing fire crews at higher risk of getting caught without an escape route.
A red flag warning – a combination of extremely low relative

humidity and wind speeds that indicates a serious threat if a fire were to occur – is in effect through Sunday evening, said Tom Fisher, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Oxnard.
President Donald Trump on Friday approved a California emergency declaration, ordering federal aid to the area and putting the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in charge of relief efforts.
In northern San Diego Coun-



Dick Marsala looks through debris from his destroyed home Friday after a wildfire tore through his neighborhood in Bonsall, Calif.

ty, the Lilac fire – which ignited Thursday off Interstate 15 – forced large swaths of Bonsall and Oceanside to evacuate. More than 1,000 firefighters were battling the blaze, which

held at 4,100 acres from the night before with no containment.
The Lilac fire destroyed at

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STREET REPAIRS

Here's why it's taking so long to fix some of Fort Worth's streets



Kimbo Road, between Mesquite Road and Sylvania Avenue, is among the list of street projects scheduled for completion in 2020.

About 60 projects remain to be completed from 2014 bond package

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FORT WORTH
Fort Worth residents who have waited patiently — or not — for more than four years to have their streets fixed as part of the 2014 bond program should start seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.
About 60 projects, a little

less than one-third of the nearly 200 streets on the list, should get completed in 2018 as promised four years ago.
Only a few will stretch beyond the desired completion goal and go into 2019 and 2020. The last project — improvements to Kimbo Road between Mesquite Road and Sylvania Avenue — is estimated to be finished in January 2020, according to the latest project list.

Labor shortages and an accounting mix-up caused many delays and, for a while, it appeared that the money wouldn't be there to pay for it all.
Typically, the bulk of the projects from one bond program should be completed or nearly completed by the time the next one begins. In addition to the neighborhood streets, 18 arterial streets were being re-

built or constructed as part of the 2014 bond program.
Fort Worth is expected to spend \$86 million this year on its streets from the bond program, said Jay Chapa, an assistant city manager.
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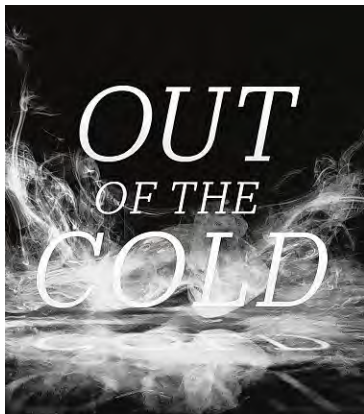
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CLUB MAGNATE PLEADS GUILTY
Alfredo Hinojosa agreed to plead guilty this week to money-laundering and drug charges involving his empire of nightclubs. **4A**



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POLICE RESTART GUN BUYBACK
Fort Worth police will purchase guns from owners for \$50 Visa cards starting at noon Saturday at All Saints Catholic Church. **4A**



Mexican national jailed for illegally entering U.S. charged in 2007 murder

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FORT WORTH
A 30-year-old Mexican national serving his third stint in federal prison for entering the United States illegally has been charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of a Fort Worth auto shop owner in 2007.

Juan Eduardo Meraz-Flores was serving a 30-month federal prison sentence in Beaumont for illegal entry after deportation when Fort Worth police received a tip of his possible involvement in the Jan. 31, 2007, fatal shooting of Jose “Martin” Muñoz.
Muñoz, a married father of three and owner of an auto shop, was shot in the head at his East Rosedale Street business

after an argument with a customer regarding a tire rim.
The Star-Telegram recently highlighted Muñoz’s unsolved murder in its “Out of the Cold” podcast, which explores solved and unsolved cold cases in North Texas.
Fort Worth police Detective Jeremy Rhoden said Monday that forensic comparisons between Meraz-Flores and physical evidence in the slaying have since linked the federal inmate to the crime. He declined to elaborate.
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